



**HONOR AND INCITE
THE PASSION OF
HISTORIC AVIATION**

Capital Region Itinerary

From the bright city lights to the quiet countryside, the Capital-Saratoga Region has everything you're looking for in your next getaway. Located only a few hours north of New York City, the Capital-Saratoga Region is easily accessible by train, plane or car. The only difficult part will be leaving.

DAY 1

Begin the day at the [Empire State Aerosciences Museum](#), located at the Schenectady County Airport, where Charles Lindbergh landed in 1928. During the 1930's it was an aircraft manufacturing site and became a military training area and an AAF base during WWII. Aircraft research and development conducted here was so important that the first jet airmail started from this site in 1946. With the establishment of the General Electric Flight Test Facility and the Malta Rocket Test Station toward the end of WWII, it became known as "The Little Peenemunde of the US" because of its rocket and jet research & development. The museum site and buildings are part of this heritage. The museum includes interpretive exhibits, restored aircraft, the state's largest aviation research library as well as educational programs.
(Approximately 3 hours)

Head about 25 miles southeast to spend the afternoon exploring the Capital region with visits to the [NYS Museum](#), a tour of the [State Capitol](#), the [Albany Institute of History & Art](#) - one of the oldest museums in the United States, or [John Boyd Thatcher State Park](#) located on the Helderberg Escarpment, one of the richest fossil-bearing formations in the world. If you prefer architecture, don't miss the [Ten Broeck Mansion](#), an 1798 century federal-style home open for tours May through October or historic [Cherry Hill](#), an 18th century country home that houses an extensive collection of well-preserved artifacts.

Overnight in Albany, NY.

DAY 2

Drive approximately 60 miles south to recapture the thrill and excitement of flight at the **Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome**. The aerodrome is a living museum of vintage aviation. It presents one of the largest collections of early aero planes in the world as well as automobiles, motorcycles, engines, and memorabilia spanning the period of 1900-1939. During the summer and fall, weekend airshows are offered that relive the early years of aviation. The museum also has four buildings housing artifacts and displays. *(Approximately 6 hours)*

Overnight in Rhinebeck, NY.

Optional Add Ons:

If time allows, visit **Vanderbilt Mansion**, a National Historic Landmark and one of America's premier examples of the country palaces built by wealthy industrialists during the Gilded Age. Or visit the Dutchess County Fairgrounds for one of their many events which include an **Antique Car Show** in May, an **Antique Motorcycle & Machinery Show** in July, the **Dutchess County Fair** in August, and a **Wine & Food Festival** in September.

Tour At A Glance:

Timeframe: 2 day, 2 night

Historical Aviation Trail of New York State
c/o Livingston County Chamber & Tourism
4635 Millennium Drive
Geneseo, NY 14454
1-800-538-7365